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SUBJECT: TURKEY APPARENTLY PREPARING TO LAUNCH AMPHIBIOUS
OPERATION FROM MERSIN AREA

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TURKISH FORCES APPARENTLY ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY PHASES OF STAGING AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION, ACCORDING TO THE US ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE IN ANKARA. THE ATTACHE THIS MORNING OBSERVED 11 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS IMMEDIATELY OFFSHORE FROM A LARGE STAGING AREA, ABOUT 25 MILES WEST OF MERSIN IN THE VICINITY OF ERDEMLI

THE BEACH WAS FILLED WITH ROLLING STOCK, EQUIPMENT, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED TROOPS IN FULL COMBAT GEAR. THREE OF THE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS WERE AT THE EDGE OF THE BEACH AND WERE BEING LOADED. FOUR AMPHIBIANS WERE BEING HELD SOME THREE HUNDRED YARDS

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OFFSHORE AND WERE FULLY LOADED WITH ROLLING STOCK AND EQUIPMENT. THE OTHER AMPHIBIANS WERE STILL EMPTY. NO TROOPS WERE OBSERVED ON THE SHIPS.

THE ATTACHE ESTIMATED THE UNIT BEING LOADED TO BE OF REGIMENTAL SIZE. THE ATTACHE EXPRESSED A BELIEF THAT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WOULD BE TAKING PLACE SHORTLY. [REDACTED]

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